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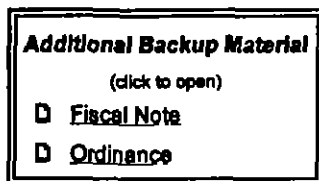
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RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION

Subject: Amend Ordinance No. 20050912-001 the Fiscal Year 2005-2006 operating budget, Police Department Special Revenue Fund, by adding \$243,229 in grant funding from the U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance, Justice Assistance Program (JAG), to supplement personnel costs for the Austin Police Department.

Amount and Source of Funding: Funding is available in the Fiscal Year 2005-2006 Operating Budget, Police Department Special Revenue Fund for the grant period October 1, 2005 to September 30, 2009.

Fiscal Note: A fiscal note is attached.



For More Information: Cathy Ellison, Assistant Chief/974-5997

Prior Council Action: March 2, 2006 acceptance of grant funding.

This action amends Ordinance No. 20050912-001 the Fiscal Year 2005-2006 operating budget, Police Department Special Revenue Fund, by adding \$243,229 in grant funding from the U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance, Justice Assistance Program (JAG), to supplement personnel costs for the Austin Police Department. In March of this year, the Council approved the application and acceptance of the grant funding. This action amends the budget to add the funding. The City will use its JAG to provide funds for computer forensics equipment and training as well as funds for staffing of community policing activities.

The federal legislation which authorizes this grant program also includes a provision whereby cities and counties must submit a joint funding application if the state's Attorney General certifies that a funding disparity exists in a county's allocation compared with that of a single municipality (at least a 150 percent difference), and the county bears more than 50 percent of prosecution or incarceration costs arising from Uniform Crime Report Part 1 violent crimes reported by the municipality to the FBI. Once certified, jurisdictions are to decide if funds will be shared, and if so, the funding allocation. There is no requirement as to how funds should be shared. Since FY 2000-2001 the funding has been split 50/50 and this arrangement will continue. Travis County's allocation is \$121,614.50 and \$96,614.50 of this funding will be used to purchase audio and video equipment for the Travis County Sheriff's Office. APD and Travis County have agreed to share the expenses for the computer forensics equipment and will contribute \$25,000 each towards the project. APD will also contribute \$5,000 towards computer forensics training. The total allocation for computer forensics for the two year period is \$55,000. The City will use its remaining \$96,614.50 in JAG funding for staffing for community policing activities.

The City of Austin and Travis County have entered into an interlocal agreement so the City can serve as the fiscal agent for the grant funds. This interlocal was approved by Council on March 2, 2006.

OPERATING BUDGET FISCAL NOTE

DATE OF COUNCIL CONSIDERATION:
WHERE ON AGENDA:
DEPARTMENT:

5/25/2006
Ordinance
Police

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FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

Project Costs:	Approved Budget 2005-06	Impact of this Action	Amended Budget 2005-06
Special Revenue Fund			
Justice Assistance Grant	\$0	\$243,229	\$243,229
TOTAL	\$0	\$243,229	\$243,229
FTEs	0.00	0.00	0.00

ORDINANCE NO. 20060525-

AMEND THE FISCAL YEAR 2005-2006 POLICE DEPARTMENT OPERATING BUDGET SPECIAL REVENUE FUND OF ORDINANCE NO. 20050912-001 TO APPROPRIATE \$243,229 IN GRANT FUNDING FROM THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN:

PART 1. The Council amends the Fiscal Year 2005-2006 Police Department Operating Budget Special Revenue Fund of Ordinance No. 20050912-001 to appropriate \$243,229 in grant funding from the U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance, Justice Assistance Program, to supplement personnel costs for the Austin Police Department.

PART 2. This ordinance is effective on _____, 2006.

PASSED AND APPROVED

_____, 2006

Will Wynn
Mayor

APPROVED:

David Allan Smith
City Attorney

ATTEST:

Shirley A. Gentry
City Clerk